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Today's Topics:

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herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

Date: 02 Sep 1994 20:04:02 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!sdd.hp.com!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!
nntp.msstate.edu!olivea!korie!male.EBay.Sun.COM!engnews1.Eng.Sun.COM!
engnews2.Eng.Sun.COM!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Another Simple Transmitter (CW, of course)
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <CvFwzn.IsE@news.Hawaii.Edu> jeffrey@kahuna.tmc.edu (Jeffrey Herman)
writes:

>We'll have him with all-band capability before the weekend. [But
>only because he diligently studied the code rather than wasting
>his time whinning on UseNet.]

And he had the good sense to be born with a junkbox full of
"GE-1" transistors and crystals cut for the ham bands.

"All-band", eh? Anxiously awaiting the 900 MHz versions!

Rich

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Rich McAllister (rfm@eng.sun.com)

Date: Sun, 4 Sep 1994 01:42:20 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!spool.mu.edu!sdd.hp.com!saimiri.primite.wisc.edu!
news.doit.wisc.edu!F180-085.net.wisc.edu!bmicales@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: CW as a license requirement

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <34a1ch\$rmk@linet02.li.net> jtomason@li.net (Joe Tomasone) writes:

>HOWEVER: I submit that since CW is no longer used on ships (except for
>a few? I'm not sure), and since there are so many modes available to
>hams, that having proficiency in ONE as a licensing requirement is
>no longer in the best interest of Ham Radio. And, it's also unbalanced.
>Why not a proficiency test in satellite ops? Or packet?

Agreed. However, I believe some sort of proficiency testing is needed.
Let the testee select the mode in which they will be tested. How this
will be implemented needs to be worked out, but this is a step away from
one mode (CW) determining if you will upgrade.

>If you want to use a mode, fine. But I don't think that forcing someone
>to learn any mode is necessary anymore. But, since CW is a requirement
>for under 30Mhz ops (currently), we are kinda stuck with it.

Not stuck with it, we just need to request that the State Department sees
that in the next ITU treaty, the US is given the right to select how it will
test for operational proficiency.

Bruce Micales
WA2DEU

Date: Sat, 03 Sep 1994 01:41:00 EST

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!sdd.hp.com!math.ohio-state.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!
europa.eng.gtefsd.com!news.umbc.edu!eff!wariat.org!amcomp!dan@network.ucsd.edu

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bmicales@facstaff.wisc.edu (Bruce Micales) writes:

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>that in the next ITU treaty, the US is given the right to select how it will
>test for operational proficiency.

All member nations, I believe, are free to determine what 'proficent'
means. So 1 WPM could qualify if the US decided that was 'proficent. Also;

What is "A"? (A) Dit-Dit-Dit
 (B) Da-Dit
 (C) Dit-Dah
 (D) Da-Dah

Would also qualify. As would a 5 WPM test. And LOTS of nations use ONE
test at 10 WPM.

(Those who have the text of the ITU agreement handy please correct me if
the above is inaccurate. Thank you.)

Dan N8PKV

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"They that can give up an essential liberty to obtain a little temporary
safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." -- Benjamin Franklin

- Misspelled? Impossible, my modem is error correcting!

Date: 4 Sep 1994 20:38:11 GMT

From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!vixen.cso.uiuc.edu!

newsrelay.iastate.edu!news.iastate.edu!wjturner@network.ucsd.edu

Subject: How to get a shortwave licence

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <CvMEGy.BDB@metronet.com> copeland@metronet.com (Charles Copeland)
writes:

>There are about five levels of radio liscensing. The first and easiest
>does not require you to know morse code, but is only for 145Mhz & 445Mhz
>bands. Shortwave ham liscense requires you learn morse code.

Make that all VHF and UHF bands, the most ones being approximately 145 MHz, 220 MHz, and 440 MHz.

Date: Sun, 4 Sep 1994 19:36:34 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!chpc.utexas.edu!news.utdallas.edu!feenix.metronet.com!copeland@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: How to get a shortwave licence
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <940903220015151@digcir.cts.com>,
Don Anton <don.anton@digcir.cts.com> wrote:
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>going being a ham operator. Currently I'm in school learnin about
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copeland@metronet.com

Date: 4 Sep 1994 15:03:07 -0700
From: nnhttp.crl.com!crl4.crl.com!not-for-mail@decwrl.dec.com
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Don -

To get some good info, send an email message to:

info@arrl.org

Each line of the message body should contain a command as shown below. The subject of your message is not processed and may be omitted. You may place as many commands in a message as you want. The files you request will be sent to you in separate messages. Only ASCII text files are supported.

Valid INFO commands:

reply <address> (may be needed - see below for explanation)
help
index
send FILENAME (example: send prospect.txt)
quit

In the above message example, "help" retrieves a brief set of instructions for info, "index" retrieves a list of available files and "send prospect.txt" retrieves a text file containing information on becoming a radio amateur.

Lou

-----Usual Disclaimers Apply-----
Internet: lgenco@crl.com Lou.Genco@LChance.sat.tx.us
Ham Radio Packet: N5SGL @ K3WGF.#SAT.TX.USA tcp/ip: n5sgl@sat.ampr.org

Date: Sat, 3 Sep 1994 03:22:29 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!news-feed-1.peachnet.edu!news.duke.edu!
eff!wariat.org!malgudi.oar.net!utnetw.utoledo.edu!uoft02.utoledo.edu!
POUELLE@ames.arpa
Subject: Questions: Digital Scanning, Cellphones, Transmissions
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <33iefs\$80a@thot.u-strasbg.fr>, lpelliss@ensm-ales.fr (Laurent PELLISSIER) writes:

>In article <333n3t\$jjqf@nic-nac.CSU.net>

>g9153402@huey.csun.edu (Berton Corson) writes:

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>> First, does anyone know when this will come, or even equal 50% of
>> such calls? Digital cell phones are very expensive, when compared
>> to the regular models, which are literally being given away.

> Here in France the GSM system is very very inexpensive. In fact
>some store sell one to you for FREE (but you have to subscribe for one
>year to a telephone company). Also they are two operators of the GSM in
>France (a third one is expected for soon!) so the competition between

>them is very hard and the price decrease a lot. For example in the
>beginning of the GSM (3 years ago) a such device cost 6000 FF (1 US\$
>for 6 FF) now you can find some at less than 1000 FF. It's totally
>crazy (especially for scanner listenner). Moreover the GSM system is
>scrambled so there is no {easy} way to listen them.

> So I am very surprised to learn that in the US the digital
>cellphones are so expensive.

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>Have fun, Laurent.

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>Laurent PELLISSIER
>School of Engineering (Computer Science Department), /bin/su
>e-mail:lpelliss@ensm-ales.fr

Cell phones can be has for \$ 29.95 US, but they require a subscription to
one of the cellular carriers. The more features you add the more \$\$\$ you
add :-)

Patrick
pouelle@uoft02.utoledo.edu

Date: Sun, 4 Sep 1994 15:28:20 GMT
From: netcomsv!netcom.com!lfloyd@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: Rename this newsgroup!
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

This is ridiculous. Doesn't this newsgroup have anything better to
discuss than CW?

I suggest the name of the group be changed to
rec.radio.amateur.stuck-in-the-mud-about-a-mode-of-communications.

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L. Floyd * The more things change,
lfloyd@netcom.com * the more they remain things.

Date: 2 Sep 1994 22:04:32 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!sdd.hp.com!spool.mu.edu!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!
newsxfer.itd.umich.edu!zip.eecs.umich.edu!yeshua.marcam.com!news.kei.com!
ssd.intel.com!chnews!sedona!cmoore@network
Subject: Simplicity of gear (

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

In article <40.3582.2427@channel1.com>,
Alan Wilensky <alan.wilensky@channel1.com> wrote:

>All CW revisionists please email me at abm@world.std.com to start the
>motion toward a code free future. >Alan Wilensky, N1SS0
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Hi Alan, please don't take away my free dinner but as a user of the CW
mode, I sure hope you meant "a code-test free future". "CW will get
through when no other mode can" is a true statement if all you have is
a CW rig. :-)

73, Cecil, KG7BK, 00TC (Not speaking for Intel)

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Intel, Corp.
5000 W. Chandler Blvd.
Chandler, AZ 85226

Date: Sat, 3 Sep 94 22:41:00 -0400
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!gatech!udel!news.sprintlink.net!
ns.channel1.com!channel1!alan.wilensky@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Simplicity of gear (
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

%f>ws.intel.com>
%f>Newsgroups: rec.radio.amateur.policy
%f>Organization: Intel Corporation, Chandler, AZ

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%f>have is a CW rig. :-)

%f>73, Cecil, KG7BK, 00TC (Not speaking for Intel)

Thats what I meant , code test free future, higher technicak testing

standards and a practical bench exam. A frozen kosher dinner is in the FEDEX right now.

Alan Wilensky, N1SS0
abm@world.std.com

* CmpQwk #UNREG* UNREGISTERED EVALUATION COPY

Date: 4 Sep 1994 19:06:23 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!dog.ee.lbl.gov!agate!cat.cis.Brown.EDU!pstc3.pstc.brown.edu!
md@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Sum'tin for nut'in and the chicks for free (Was: Re: Simplicity of gear)
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

Over the past, oh, I believe two years now that I've been posting to this newsgroup, I've claimed over and over again that many of the "I want HF no-code access! I want HF no-code access! Waaa! Waaa!" crowd are the typical "I want something for nothing" whiners.

In the course of reviewing messages today, I thought the following .signature of Alan Wilensky (N1SS0, a new "I want no-code HF access!" voice here) was quite revealing:

> Alan Wilensky, N1SS0
> abm@world.std.com
> ---
> * CmpQwk #UNREG* UNREGISTERED EVALUATION COPY

It appears that Mr. Wilensky has not paid for the offline reader he is using.

Anyone else notice the trend? I don't want to work for HF access. I don't want to pay for shareware. I want everything given to me. I'm breathing, aren't I? Its my right.

MD

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-- The best way for Bill Clinton to keep his legal
-- fees down is to keep his pants zipped up.
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Date: 4 Sep 1994 23:32:52 -0400
From: gti.gti.net!gti.gti.net!not-for-mail@uunet.uu.net

To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <3451qg\$7t0@master.cs.rose-hulman.edu>,
<090294164801Rnf0.78@amcomp.com>, <lenwink.208.0007C172@indirect.com>
Subject : Re: Tandy's Proposed Family Radio Service

Problem with a fee-based license is that money can't go to the FCC to be used to enforce the rules. The FCC gets whatever money Congress says it can have, and every dime the FCC collects for anything goes into the General Fund, a.k.a. that great black hole all your tax money goes into.

Date: Sun, 4 Sep 1994 07:45:17
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!gatech!udel!news.sprintlink.net!indirect.com!
s146.phxslip.indirect.com!lenwink@network.ucsd.edu
To: ham-policy@ucsd.edu

References <34046r\$2rv@Starbase.NeoSoft.COM>, <3451qg\$7t0@master.cs.rose-hulman.edu>,
<090294164801Rnf0.78@amcomp.com>t.com
Subject : Re: Tandy's Proposed Family Radio Service

>>The US of A had a serviec like this. It started on 450 MHz and
>>was called

>>
>> Citizen's Band.
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>>It evolved over the years and ended up around 26-29 MHz.
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Actually, we still have the "old citizen's band" available to all with a license and small fee, using repeaters, fm, and more, just over 450mhz. Al Gross, W8PAL, was the 1st to have a CB call when it first began there, and he uses it to this day! Al has priority of invention for the 1st walkie-talkie ever made. He had to sue David Sarnoff of RCA to win that!
73, Len, KB7LPW

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